

of death, which came upon Egypt's firstborn.

The Passover—Outline a door post and lintel. Tell the orders God gave to Moses and Aaron about getting ready for the feast of the Passover. Make some marks with red chalk to suggest the blood marks. "What is going to happen?" they wonder. "What is God going to do?" Listen! Moses is telling them. The death angel is going to pass through the land of Egypt and enter every Egyptian home, and the eldest child is to die, but when the death angel comes to a house with the blood marks upon the door posts, he will pass over that house and there will be no death there. He will know they are God's people and obeying His order. This feast (vs. 8-11) was to be held every year in memory of God's saving hand over His people. Now they are to eat this pass-over feast in haste, ready for a journey. We shall see why.

A Sad Night in Egypt—Describe that sad night in Egypt,—the eldest son or daughter lying dead in every Egyptian home! In the palace of Pharaoh, as well as in the home of the poor man, the death angel had come. At last the proud Pharaoh is humbled! He

begs Moses and Aaron to take their people out of the land, vs. 31-33.

The Going Out of Egypt—Describe the "Exodus." The people were all ready for a journey, you remember, so they started at once for fear Pharaoh would change his mind again as he had so often done before. Here they go marching out of Egypt (strokes), over six hundred thousand men, women, children and cattle. Only seventy went into Egypt, and all this great procession went out, many, many years after. Next Sunday we'll hear how they got on.

Golden Text—Our Golden Text (repeat) tells us of One who saves us from death (explain). In place of the passover feast, we remember Jesus' death at the feast of the Lord's Supper (explain). In place of marks upon the door posts, what marks have those who are Jesus' people now? (Illustrations.)

"Take the saving hand of Jesus

Stretched out to each little one.

It will guide you, it will bless you.

'Tis the hand of God's own Son."

Symbol—God's SAVING HAND.

Something to Think About—Jesus died for me.

FROM THE PLATFORM

"What mean ye by this service?"

Write on the blackboard, lantern slide or large sheet of paper, the question in v. 26, "What mean ye by this service?" By whom was this question to be asked? Question and explain about the "Haggadah" or "Telling," which came to be, and still is, a feature of the Passover as observed by the Jews. (See Lesson Explained.) Say to the scholars that you wish them to tell you, as Jewish parents tell their children, what this feast meant. Bring out the directions about the slaying of the lamb, the sprinkling of the Hebrew doorways and the eating of the roasted lamb with bitter herbs, the safety of the Hebrews; and, over against all this, the dreadful doom of the Egyptian firstborn. Now call for the Golden Text, and bring out the truth that, as the Passover lamb was slain to save the Hebrews, so Jesus died that we might be saved. Emphasize the truth that there is no other way of salvation and impress the importance of accepting Jesus as our personal Saviour the only one who is able to deliver us from the guilt and bondage of sin.